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In the Matter of the Suspension of the)
License to Conduct Gambling Activities of:)

NO. CR 2009-00136

Tiffany Couch,)
Kennewick, Washington,)

SETTLEMENT ORDER

Licensee.)

This Settlement Order is entered into between the Washington State Gambling Commission and Tiffany Couch. The Gambling Commission is represented by H. Bruce Marvin, Assistant Attorney General, and Melinda Froud, Lead Staff Attorney. The licensee is representing herself.

I.

The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Tiffany Couch the following license: Number 68-24894, Authorizing Class "B" Card Room Employee Activity formerly at Crazy Moose Casino in Pasco. The license, which expired on March 11, 2009, was issued subject to the licensee's compliance with state gambling laws and regulations.

II.

The Director issued a Notice of Administrative Charges and Opportunity for an Adjudicative Proceeding to the licensee on February 24, 2009. On April 9, 2009, Commission staff received the licensee's Application for Adjudicative Proceeding and Request for Hearing.

III.

The following summary of violations were alleged in the Notice of Administrative Charges:

- On December 16, 2008, the licensee accepted a check from a patron that was on the cage NSF¹ list. This is a violation of Crazy Moose Casino's internal controls.
- The licensee was issued a Notice of Violation and Settlement² (NOVAS) on December 17, 2008, for not following Crazy Moose Casino's internal controls, a violation of WAC 230-15-425(2). The licensee failed to pay the NOVAS.
- Therefore, grounds exist to suspend Tiffany Couch's license under RCW 9.46.075(1) and WAC 230-03-085(1).

¹ Non-sufficient funds (NSF)

² The Notice of Violation and Settlement (NOVAS) identifies the violation and gives the recipient the opportunity to pay a fine to settle the matter.

RCW 9.46.075(1) Suspending or revoking a license or permit

The Commission may suspend or revoke any license or permit issued by it, for any reason or reasons, it deems to be in the public interest. These reasons shall include, but not be limited to, cases wherein the applicant or licensee, or any person with any interest therein:

(1) Has violated, failed or refused to comply with the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations or duties imposed by chapter 9.46 RCW and any amendments thereto, or any rules adopted by the Commission pursuant thereto, or when a violation of any provision of chapter 9.46 RCW, or any Commission rule, has occurred upon any premises occupied or operated by any such person or over which he or she has substantial control.

WAC 230-03-085(1) Suspending or revoking a license or permit

We may suspend or revoke any license or permit, when the licensee or anyone holding a substantial interest in the applicant's or licensee's business or organization:

(1) Commits any act that constitutes grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses or permits under RCW 9.46.075.

WAC 230-15-425(2) Internal controls.

(2) Licensed card room employees must follow the internal control procedures for their individual functions.

IV.

Tiffany Couch has waived her right to a hearing, based on the terms and conditions of this Settlement Order. The licensee further agrees to the following sanctions:


- 1) Tiffany Couch's license expired on March 11, 2009, and she did not renew her license. Therefore, in the event Tiffany Couch reapplies for a gambling license, she will be subject to all the Commission's investigative procedures for processing an application for a gambling license.
- 2) If Tiffany Couch obtains a license from the Commission, she shall serve a **seven-day (7)** suspension once she is issued a license. Upon issuance of the license, Commission staff will send a letter to Tiffany Couch and her employer to specify the dates of the suspension.
 - a) During the suspension period, Tiffany Couch agrees to have no involvement, directly or indirectly, whether paid or unpaid, in respect to any gambling activities, including punchboard/pull-tab or amusement game activity during her suspension period.
 - b) This does not however, prevent Tiffany Couch from working in any capacity in any non-gambling activity or operations in food and beverage establishments engaged in authorized gambling activities.

DATED this 29th day of April, 2009.


Administrative Law Judge

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

By her signature, the licensee
acknowledges reading the Settlement Order,
and understands the terms and conditions
contained in it.




Tiffany Couch (Date)
Licensee



Melinda Froud, WSBA#26792
Lead Staff Attorney,
Washington State Gambling Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Assistant Attorney General,
Representing the Washington State
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